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1. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF GAVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOUR FIRMS LISTED IN REFTEL TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO MACHUNGO JANUARY 23. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO PASS THE NAMES TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER JOACHIM CARVALHO. MACHUNGO REPEATED REQUEST THAT FIRMS SEND PROSPECTUS OR BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO GPRM IN CARE OF THE EMBASSY, AND ADDED THAT THEY SHOULD MENTION DATE THEY MIGHT BE PLANNING A TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE.

2. COMMENT: MACHUNGO WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN FIRMS IN LARGE-SCALE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MOZAM-BIQUE, BUT AGAIN SEEMED UNLIKELY TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO "COURT" INVESTORS UNLESS THEY TRAVEL TO MAPUTO. MEPD SHOULD URGE FIRMS TO SEND INFORMATION ON THEMSELVES AND INTERESTS IN MOZAM-BIQUE TO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO FOR DELIVERY TO CARVALHO AND MACHUNGO. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME PERSCHAL VISITS FROM POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

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